

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to place the case in better condition for the granting of a Petition to Make Special.

It is believed that the International Search Report by the European Patent Office is of record with the references cited therein, and it is requested that they be made of record in the prosecution of this matter.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed phone number.

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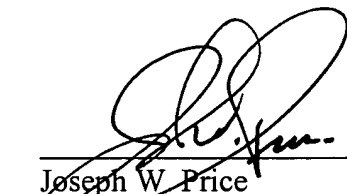


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